EDAVILANGU VILLAGE—WANT OF MOTORABLE ROADS

349. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any road, fit for motor traffic, and in Cochin State, connecting the village of Edavilangu with the rest of the State?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There are no roads in the Edavilangu village which are fit for motor traffic. But the village is connected by motorable roads through the Kavil Kadavu Junghar service to the rest of the State.

KONATH BUND—CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL BUND

350. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether anything is being done to construct a bund from the Konath Bund to the south to protect the *nilams* between the latter bund and Keecheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government consider the question of constructing the bund in view of the importance in saving those *niloms* to the extent of 20 thousand *paras* of paddy from brackish water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The question will be looked into.

THOTTARA PUNCHA—WORKS FOR DRAINING OF

351. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether any further action has been taken to drain the waters of the Thottara *Puncha* in the Kaippattur village, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The scheme is under further investigation.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know whether any preliminary investigation has been done in this matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. We have prepared a scheme, but further investigation was found necessary as a result of the borings taken. We met with granite rock and we are now making estimates for dealing with this matter.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* What will be the extent of the *niloms* known as Thottara Puncha?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* About 800 acres.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Are the Government considering the question of cutting up a canal or something to drain it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. That is the scheme.

PULIKAMALI—PANGARAPPALLI ROAD

352. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the proposed road to connect Pulikamali with the Peppathipara road at Pangarappalli is being constructed this year; if not, when will it be taken up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This road is not being constructed this year. It is not possible to give a definite date when it will be taken up.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Has not some amount been sanctioned for the purpose of opening this road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I suppose the Hon'ble Minister will be able to tell us. Some Rs. 300 has been allotted for this work.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) I cannot say off hand. There are so many roads. I cannot remember them.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* So far as I know the land has been acquired for the purpose. That is why I put this question. I hope the Hon'ble Minister will look into this matter.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. Please see me after the Council.

VILLAGE VIGILANCE COMMITTEES

353. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state when Village Vigilance Societies were started in this State, as also their functions and powers?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Please see answer to Question No. 204.

SWEET-TODDY TAPPING APPLICATIONS—PALAYANNUR RANGE

354. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications for

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